(4) The President of the Alleppey Municipal Council has reported that the epidemic is subsiding and that there is no necessity to consider this question now.

Government do not therefore propose to post a special medical officer for the purpose at Alleppey.

Help offered by the Lagnatul Mahomedia Association to attend small-pox patients at Alleppey.

355. **MR. P. S. MAHOMED** (*Nominated*): Are the Government aware:

(*a*) that the Lagnatul Mahomedia Association, having taken pity on the small-pox patients in the Hospital, applied to the Medical Officer, Alleppey, for permission to appoint two attendants to the patients in the small-pox section of the hospital on the pay of the Association; and

(*b*) that the Medical Officer did not give permission to the Association to attend on such patients?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Lagnatul Mahomedia Association offered to send two attendants to attend in small-pox cases. But, as there was the Board's circular prohibiting volunteers to work in Hospitals, he first refused admission to them and later on, on the responsibility of the Municipal President, he permitted them to work in the Institution.

Trivandrum Electric Supply Scheme.

356. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): With reference to the Trivandrum Electric Supply Scheme, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when the work in connection with the scheme was started and completed;

(*b*) the total outlay on the scheme including land compensation;

(*c*) the net return from the scheme for 1104 M. E;

(*d*) the net return for the first half of 1105 M. E. and the net return estimated for the second half of 1105 M. E.;

(*e*) whether they think that the investment in the scheme has proved to be a profitable concern;

(*f*) whether any special agency has been constituted to control the operations of the electric branch of the P. W. D., and if so, what it is;

(*g*) whether applications seeking license have been received from private agencies for starting similar schemes in other towns of the State, and if so, how many licenses have been granted and for what places;

(*h*) the reasons that weighed with them (Government) in granting license to private agencies to start electric supply scheme in other parts of the State;

(*i*) whether the Electrical Engineer was consulted before such license was granted to private agencies, and if so, what his opinion was regarding the issue of licenses to private agencies;

(*j*) the total number of persons employed in the Trivandrum Electric Department; and

(*k*) the cash surplus investment to the credit of Government as it would stand at the close of 1105 M. E.?

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